

# CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

## SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

### MINUTES

(of SRC meeting held on Thursday, May 9, 1991  
at 11:00 A.M., in Room BC-110, SGW campus)

#### ATTENDANCE -

Members present: P. Albert, U. De Brentani, D. Ginter, M. Kusy, M. Lefebvre, J.N. Lightstone (Chair), B. Mackay, J. McGuire, S. Sankar, A. Williams, Evelyne Loo (Secretary)

Absent with regrets: E. Doedel, D. Gold, K. Lipke, J. Makkonen, J. McGuire, G. Mergen, M.N.S. Swamy

Dr. Jack N. Lightstone occupied the Chair.

#### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m.

#### 1.0 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Agenda was approved by the Committee.

#### 2.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

As there were no corrections or additions to the Minutes of the last meeting; they were approved unanimously.

#### 3.0 BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising.

#### 4.0 REPORTS

##### 4.1 Report of the Director of ORS

A.J. Williams announced that the FCAR & SSHRC Information sessions were a success. A copy of the SSHRC document "Vision for the future - a five year strategy", has been received, additional copies will be requested for SRC.

A.J. Williams has asked Committee members to convey to new faculty members that the deadline date for the Start-up FRDP funds is June 15.

The FCAR Nouveaux Chercheurs results will be issued next week.

##### 4.2 Report from the Chair

The Chair made the following announcement:

- at the last Senate Meeting he announced that the FRDP Capital Budget was not adequate and he hoped that the amount would be increased for 1992-93.
- The document "The Enhancement of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity at Concordia University" was unanimously approved by Senate. At the Senate Meeting a member remarked that procedures must now be established for implementing this document. The Chair of Senate indicated that SRC should assume the responsibility; it was therefore mandated that SRC put together the implementation procedures.
- M.N.S. Swamy suggested that the word "Discussion Paper" should now be stricken from the document.

5.0 "Enhancement of Research, Scholarship and Creative Activity at Concordia University"

The Chair has initiated the next step in the process, by requesting that Senate distribute the document to all academic units and that written submissions should be encouraged to assist the SRC. A copy of the "Draft Resolution" was distributed to the SRC members and the following amendments were proposed:

- The third sub-paragraph should read "that the Senate Research Committee *has been asked by Senate to recommend In the Fall* to Senate other ....in question"
- The fourth sub-paragraph should read "that the Senate Research Committee *invites submissions from academics units or individual* written submissions offering suggestions regarding implementation of these principles and strategies. *These suggestions must be received before September 30, 1991.*

Some Committee members have expressed their concern and wanted to make sure that there was no ambiguity in the resolution.

The Chair suggested that the amended draft resolution should be forwarded to John Noonan, Secretary of Senate.

The motion was moved by M. Kusy, seconded by J. McGuire and was approved unanimously. (Copy of resolution attached)

6. "Realising the Potential" - Royal Society of Canada report on University Research

The Chair has formulated a response to AUCC with reference to the Royal Society of Canada's report.

B. Mackay has suggested that the document should be recommended to the Gender Equity on Matters Academic's advisory committee.

De Brentani expressed concern that recommendation #12 was most unfavourable to women, and that they would be the ones most affected, due to their specific family commitments.

7. Varia

The Chair thanked all the Committee members, for their support during the year and specifically P. Albert, B. Mackay, J. McGuire and M. Lefebvre who would not be returning next fall.

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.